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STATEMENT OF MICHIGAN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION ON ABORTION – JANUARY, 1973

As Christians, we hold that human life comes from God. He is the Lord of life from its very beginning. Life is a continuum from conception to death. The directly intended termination of life by the hand of man is an immoral act whether it occurs in the earliest months of pregnancy or at any other time.

The Blackmun Decision of the United States Supreme Court invalidating the abortion statutes of Texas and Georgia and thus setting a precedent for the invalidation of abortion laws around the country does nothing to alter the essential fact which is at the heart of this controversial issue; that is, abortion at whatever time it occurs takes a human life.

As religious leaders in the Community of Michigan, we can never abdicate our responsibility of proclaiming what God requires of all men: that they love and respect and safeguard human life. As citizens, we have a commensurate obligation to speak against injustice done to fellow citizens whether born or unborn.

At this time in the history of our country, what are the obligations of individuals in the light of this decision of the Supreme Court?

... It is obvious to us that we must invoke a higher law than the one interpreted by the Supreme Court. Abortion, which is the taking of human life, is an act against the Law of God and cannot be condoned.

... Clearly, as Christians, we must speak out whenever possible against permissive abortion and work to create a climate in which the sacredness of human life will be respected.

... Finally, each of us must renew our faith in the message of Christ – the risen Christ – who, by His birth and death, confirmed the inestimable worth of all human life.

Michigan voters overwhelmingly confirmed their belief in the sacredness of life by turning down abortion-on-demand in November of 1972. That strong belief in life can be our strength and our hope for the future. While the Court has made abortion legal, no man can make it right.

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REMINDER

ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES TO BEGIN THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4th

PRE-SCHOOL and SR. HIGH CLASSES BEGIN TODAY

Liturgically Speaking Your Comments

by Sister Mary O'Connell

Comments on the topic of choice of hymns were so diverse that it would be impossible to treat them all in just one article. The comments are as diverse as the people we attempt to serve. To quote one 30 year old, married parishioner with children: COMMENT: Choose more songs geared to your audience. Get more participation by singing the better known songs. RESPONSE: We attempt to serve a congregation which ranges in the age from very small children to the very elderly. This range spans as great a variety of musical taste and experience as it does years. Within the limits of our hymnals, we try to provide as best a mixture as possible. The primary reason for any song choice is its text. Unfortunately, many of the more suitable texts are linked with poor music, and many of the better tunes are linked with out-dated texts.

In designing Liturgy according to theme, the first consideration is to emphasize the message of the Word of God. To quote from Chapter VI on Sacred Music of the Documents of Vatican II: "The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasury of immeasurable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as sacred melody UNITED to WORDS, it forms a necessary or integral part of the solemn liturgy." This is the first purpose in choosing any particular song. Given the limitations of those available in our hymnal, those we know, and those which are suitable for congregational singing, the choice is made as closely as possible in accord with the theme for the day.

Your assistance is always welcome at the Tuesday evening planning session at 7:30 p.m. in Room 9 of the Parish Center.

More to come....

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FEES
Are Past Due
PLEASE
...remit the fee
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THE EDUCATION COMMISSION

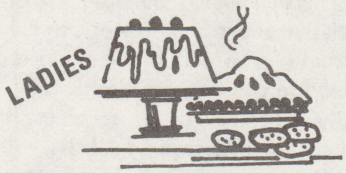
PARISH NUPTIALS

On Saturday morning, January 20th, 1973, Charles Leo Stoll and Anne Margaret Faulhaber celebrated their vows of marriage during a Nuptial Mass offered by Father William King.

Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Stoll of Ann Arbor. Anne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loran Faulhaber of Willis.

The couple's main attendants were David Daniel and Carolyn Larkin.

Our joyful congratulations are offered to the newlyweds and to their respective families.



Don't forget that NEXT SUNDAY we have our February bake sale. Please mark your calendars now so that there will be delicious baked goods after all Masses.

FEBRUARY
SECOND SUNDAY
PARISH DINNER
held Sunday, February 11
NEW TIMES:
12:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Parish Hall - $2.00
under 12 - $1.00

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4th

SUNDAY, February 4
- 9:00 a.m. Pre School Classes, Parish Center
- 9:00 And 11:00 Masses - Babysitting, Rm. 5, Parish Center
- After 9:00 and 11:00 Masses - Coffee and Doughnuts, Parish Hall
- 6:30 To 8:00 p.m. Sr. High School Religious Education Classes, Parish Center

MONDAY, February 5
- 4:30 p.m. Brownies meet in Parish Center Lunchroom
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Church Hall
- 7:00 To 8:00 p.m. Jr. High School Religious Education Classes, Parish Center
- 8:00 p.m. Vicariate Meeting, Center Library

TUESDAY, February 6
- 1:00 p.m. Project Transition meets in Parish Center Lunchroom
- NO TEEN CENTER ACTIVITIES
- 6:00 p.m. Parish Council Executive Meeting, Rectory
- 7:30 p.m. Liturgy Preparation, Rm. 9 - Parish Center
- 7:30 p.m. Convert Classes, Center Library
- 8:00 p.m. Pre School Teacher Meeting, Rm. 1, Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, February 7
- 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Elementary Religious Education Program B
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice, Rm. 9 - Parish Center

THURSDAY, February 8
- 7:00 p.m. Teen Center Activities
- 7:30 p.m. Meeting for Parents of those making First Confession, Library

FRIDAY, February 9
- 7:30 p.m. Baptismal Preparation, Center Library

SATURDAY, February 10
- 10:30 a.m. Youth Choir Practice, Rm. 9 - Parish Center

SUNDAY, February 11
- BAKE SALE AFTER ALL THE MASSES ON THIS SUNDAY
- PARISH DINNER HELD ON THIS SUNDAY FROM 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. PLAN TO COME NOW.

LOST ARTICLES

Don't forget ... if you leave something in church, the ushers have recently placed these articles on a table in the vestiblue. Please stop and claim missing articles there.

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PUT A LITTLE CLASS INTO YOUR DAYS! SEWING, KNITTING, MACRAME, CROCHETING...

...Would you like to teach someone how to do any of the above?

...Would you like to learn any of these arts/skills?

Contact Sr. Anne at the Parish Center.

ATTENTION SCA MEMBERS

Single Catholic Adults, pleae come and help cheer up our older citizens at Whitehall for we are having a Valentine's Party, Wednesday, February 14, 1973, at 7:00 p.m. Meet at St. Francis at 6:30 p.m. See you there.

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, February 5, 1973 - St. Agatha, virgin-martyr
7:00 a.m. Intention of Mr. & Mrs. J.J. Wagner, req. by Srs. Mary O'Connell and Carol Schlarmann

TUESDAY, February 6, 1973 - St. Paul, Miki, priest, and companions, martyrs
7:00 a.m. John and Genevieve Nanry, req. by Joe Nanry Family

WEDNESDAY, February 7, 1973 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. William Jackson, req. by The Cunninghams

THURSDAY, February 8, 1973 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Deceased members of Clarence Laurain Family, req. by Mr. Edward Miller

FRIDAY, February 9, 1973 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Martin Butcko, req. by The Edward Butcko Family

SATURDAY, February 10, 1973 - St. Scholastica, virgin
9:00 a.m. Mrs. Frances Hutting, req. by Mrs. George J. Max
5:00 p.m. Kenneth Cross, Sr., 6th Anniv., req. by The Croff Family
6:15 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Davis, 50th Wedding Anniversary

SUNDAY, February 11, 1973
7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant
9:00 a.m. Thomas Taylor, req. by Don Racine
11:00 a.m. Hilton G. Falahee, req. by The Family
12:30 p.m. James Scott, req. by The William LaVoie Family

WEDDING BANNS

II Gary Allward and Linda Smith
I Charles Sinkule and Jacqueline Hewitt
I Tim Fitzharris and Maureen Patricelli
I John Hale and Louise Kubon

FINANCIAL BAROMETER

January 28, 1973
Sunday Offertory $1,913.00

ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

Week of February 4, 1973
WEEKDAY MASSES - 7:00 a.m.
SAT. MORNING MASS - 9:00 a.m.
TEAM I - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - John and Jim Pryce
TEAM II - Thursday, Friday, Saturday - Rob and Jim Eberts

SATURDAY, February 10, 1973
5:00 p.m. John Baxter and Bill Wagner

SUNDAY, February 11, 1973
7:00 a.m. Jeff Anhut and Steve Weisharr
9:00 a.m. Tim Buschell and Matt Koch
11:00 a.m. John and Jim Pryce
12:30 p.m. Kevin and Mark Courtois

WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS
Tim O'Hara and Mike Prevost
Peter Burgard and Jim Sullivan
Tim Motto and John Baxter

BABYSITTING SCHEDULE

February 11, 1973
9:00 a.m. Robin and Rene Ouellette and Lynne Mentley
11:00 a.m. Debbie Gillman and Kris Konz

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 10, 1973
5:00 p.m. .....Pete Parin

SUNDAY, February 11, 1973
7:00 a.m. .....John Baxter
9:00 a.m. .....Dick Wagner
11:00 a.m. .....Gene Butman

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 10, 1973
5:00 p.m. ..... Tom Sullivan

SUNDAY, February 11, 1973
7:00 a.m. .....James Palasek
9:00 a.m. ..... Lee Sanford
11:00 a.m. .....Dick Kuhl

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SUNDAY LITURGY
SATURDAY EVENING — 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

HOLYDAY LITURGY
7:00 and 9:00 a.m.; 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

DAILY LITURGY
7:00 a.m. Monday thorugh Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday

BAPTISMS
At 12:30 p.m. Mass on second Sunday of each month.

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 and 8:00 p.m. or by appointment.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS
7:30 Wednesday evenings.

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